



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

Peter Miasek, Vice Chair
Elisabeth Tan
Gordon Lawson
Steve Glassman
Anthony Ko
Gerry Shaw
Daniel Yeung
Deputy Mayor, Don Hamilton
Councillor Ward 3, Reid McAlpine

Staff:

Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator, Transportation
Loy Cheah, Senior Manager, Transportation
Karen Ho Tom, Committee Clerk

Agencies:

Diana Kakamousias, York Region
Barry Martin, Accessibility Advisory Committee
Reena Mistry, YRDSB & YRCSB

Regrets:

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Councillor Ward 8, Isa Lee

Guest Speakers:

Jill Kelly, Walk in the Park

Guest:

Roman Komarov

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:11 p.m. with Peter Miasek, presiding as Chair.

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

2. APPROVAL/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

Moved by Deputy Mayor, Don Hamilton
Seconded by Elisabeth Tan

That the Agenda be accepted as is.

Carried

3. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON October 17, 2019

Moved by Deputy Mayor, Don Hamilton
Seconded by Barry Martin

That the minutes from October 17, 2019 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

4. PERTINENT INFORMATION FROM GUEST SPEAKERS

4.1 “Park People” - Walk in the Park Program

Jill Kelly from Park People delivered a presentation on the “Walk in the Park” program. Park People is a national charity working to improve park and open spaces and their usage by seniors. With the recipient of a \$ 75K grant from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility, the program has been expanded to Mississauga, Brampton and Markham. The program will recruit and offer free training and an honorarium to senior leaders, and support them with their walk events and outreach. The Walk in the Park program in Markham started in October 2019, and it is anticipated that the training session will take place in January 2020.

Jill asked that the Committee and City help promote this new program. Once the program flyer is finalized, it will be circulated to all members.

The Ministry funding expires in March, 2020. Fundraising by Park People is underway.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

5.1 New Members & Elections Updates

Staff is continuously working with Clerk’s Department to confirm the appointment of new members to the Committee. The chair and vice-chair elections would be deferred until there is a full committee with all new and returning members confirmed.

6. STANDING ITEMS & ONGOING PROJECTS

6.1 City’s Ongoing AT Project Updates

Staff presented updates on a number of AT projects, including Trail Feasibility Study, sidewalk program, Bike Share Study, Cycling & Trail Map, Rouge Valley Trail, and Markham Cycles.

It was requested that a timeline be established for the Cycling & Trail Map, with March 2020 suggested for completion. Staff will review and report back in early 2020.

It was also requested that staff brief CPAC on the Rouge Valley Trail (RVT) signage plan. The Region is establishing standards for wayfinding, consistent with AODA. Consideration should be given to establishing consistent wayfinding across the entire City, not just the RVT

6.2 School Program and Pilots

Reena Mistry reported that a media launch took place on October 23rd at John McCrae Public School for the launch of the Active School Pilot Program. She pointed out a number of Committee members and City staff were in attendance to support to program.

Also, Reena proposed placing a large external banner at each AST pilot school. This will be a great way to promote the program, and they could be reused at future school events. The cost is estimated to be \$1000, and Reena requested that CPAC sponsor half of the cost with the School Boards, which would be \$500 from 2019 CPAC budget.

There was a brief discussion of a pilot for winter trail maintenance led by Operations, and the potential to work with school sites. General Committee has directed staff to undertake research on costs.

A member noted that walking access to Roy Crosby School was dangerous due to no sidewalk or traffic calming on Southdale Drive. Issue to be further discussed at next meeting.

Moved by Deputy Mayor, Don Hamilton
Seconded by Elisabeth Tan

That the Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee contribute \$500 from its 2019 budget towards the purchase of these banners, subject to funds availability in its budget.

Carried

6.3 Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) - Updates

Staff presented updates of the ATMP and mentioned upcoming pop-ups sessions details. All members are reminded to visit project website to get up-to-date information.

6.4 Reports to Council None.

6.5 E.A. - Updates

Staff announced two upcoming open houses for York Region Kennedy Road EA Study on November 25th at Milliken Mills Community Centre and December 2nd at Markham Pan Am Centre. All members are invited to attend.

6.6 Markham Cycling Day

Staff provided a recap of this year's Markham Cycling Day that took place on September 22nd. This included new features added to the event, participation rates, sponsorship & expenditure, and general comments for next year's event. A special thank-you was extended to all volunteers,

members of the Markham Cycling Day Committee and City staff who contributed to another successful event this year.

6.7 Cycling Gaps

None.

6.8 York Region Projects

Staff shared and provided a summary of three recent York Region reports that were presented to Committee of Whole meeting on October 3, 2019, including the York Region Readiness for Transportation Technology Advancements, Automated Speed Enforcement, and 2019 Annual Collision Statistics Report.

6.9 **Arterial Road Widenings**

Staff reported that the Council education session on road-widening is scheduled for January 2020, and the date and agenda have not been confirmed. It was mentioned that Ian Lockwood is being considered as a potential keynote speaker.

7. INFO ITEM/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 Budget Updates – AT related

Staff provided a list of proposed AT projects under the 2020 budget request, which was approved by the Budget Committee. Deputy Mayor provided an update of the budget discussion. The budget list is pending General Committee's approval.

Funding for Markham Cycles Community Hub, if approved, would be outside this budget process.

7.2 Cycling Facility Selection Discussion

Staff solicited the Committee's feedback on building multi-use pathways versus separated cycle tracks in Markham. This stemmed from a recent Kennedy Road EA discussion. Staff highlighted the considerations of speed, traffic volume, cost, the future of ebikes/escooters, aging population, right-of-way width and etc. in planning for future AT infrastructure. CPAC members expressed the need to separate pedestrians and cyclists where possible, especially along regional corridors. If the available space is not wide enough, the design could narrow the width of the cycle track or revert to a multi-use pathway with a painted line to divide cyclists and walkers.

Extension of Meeting time

Moved by Peter Miasek, Vice-Chair
Seconded by Elisabeth Tan

That CPAC continue its meeting beyond 9pm for another 15 minutes to complete Agenda items 7.2 to 7.4.

Carried

7.3 Highway 7/Unionville Main Street and Enterprise/Bill Crothers

Deferred to the next meeting. Staff reported that there is a development application pending at Bill Crothers.

7.4 Other Business

The annual Holiday dinner is usually held on the December meeting for the year. It suggested that this dinner be deferred to the January meeting when the new members join the Committee.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Hwy 7/Unionville Main and Enterprise/Bill Crothers
- Southdale Drive

ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:16 P.M.